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NO AUTHORITY

It is official: Home guards or reserve police personnel cannot stop, inspect vehicles as it is against norms

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PLASTIC PROMISE

Eco-friendly commitments questioned after ban on plastic water bottles ignored at civic agency event

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Meeting victims of wall collapse was top on everyone's agenda, but what city needs is for authorities to get busy inspecting structures to identify vulnerabilities before monsoon; BM spots a few that need attention

THE CRACKS ARE STARTING TO SHOW

Steel rods are exposed at parts of remaining portion of ill-fated compound wall

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A day after the fatal wall collapse, there was not much action in terms of inspecting structures to identify the ones that are disasters in the making. Ministers and elected representatives seemed to be more in a hurry to mark their attendance meeting victims instead of exhorting engineers to inspect other structures in the city.

The compound wall of Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar was once such structure that was ignored all these years. The engineers were busy designing, and making plans to construct new buildings on the hospital premises and ministers were content with merely attending inaugural functions of those buildings. The result of this neglect became painfully evident on Wednesday evening.

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"No one bothered to strengthen the wall. A few stretches of the compound wall are not in a good condition. It is better to take preventive measures rather than announcing compensation if the remaining portion comes crashing during monsoon

—Sheik Ahmed, Shivajinagar resident

When BM visited the site on Thursday, it was obvious that the remaining stretch of the compound wall is in a poor shape too. A portion of the recently constructed compound wall had developed cracks. Steel rods

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Fragile: Handle with care

Ornamental trees planted decades ago weakened by concretisation, infra-related digging, fall like pack of cards

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A short spell of rain has once again put the spotlight on the weaking state of Bengaluru's trees, with 226 trees uprooted and 623 branches breaking off across the city over Wednesday and Thursday.

Western parts of Bengaluru recorded the highest number of fallen trees at 101, followed by 70 in central areas, 28 in the north, and 26 in the south. Several people were injured in separate incidents where trees and branches collapsed onto roads and vehicles.

Once known for its lush landscape, Bengaluru has seen a steep drop in green cover over the decades. Estimates suggest that what was once close to 88% has now reduced to nearly 3%. Experts point to unchecked expansion, excessive concretisation, and lack of proper upkeep as key reasons behind this drastic shift. The Greater Bengaluru Authority is facing increasing criticism for not adequately protecting the city's remaining trees. Environmental groups allege that ongoing infrastructure work, especially road and footpath development, is harming trees by sealing

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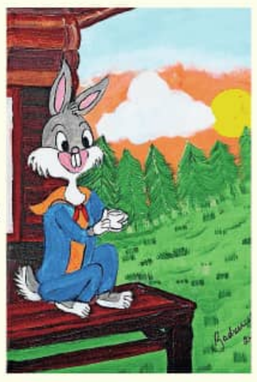
ROUND-UP OF ACTION AFTER DISASTER

THINGS TO DO

01 Memory lane



Magical World, an exhibition featuring a vibrant collection of artworks by Badrunissa Irfan, brings alive the magic of childhood and the warmth of simple moments through playful, hand-painted characters and scenes. **Where: Sublime Gallery, UB City; When: May 1 to 30**

02 Bollywood tunes

Rudraksha Live Entertainment Pvt Ltd presents Jazbaa, a concert featuring Vishal and Rekha Bhardwaj — a powerhouse duo in Indian music and cinema, known for their deeply moving collaborations and individual brilliance. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity; When: May 30, 7 pm**

03 Games set, go

The Oterra Hotel is hosting a Kids Carnival Brunch, bringing a vibrant world of cartoon legends and superhero adventures. While parents enjoy a premium spread, children can dive into interactive games, live performances and more. **Where: The Oterra Hotel, 24@43, Electronic City; When: Every Sunday until May 31**

04 Journey within

Atta Galatta is presenting Healing Wounds in Parental Relationships, an experiential workshop designed to help participants begin the process of recovering their sense of self, while exploring ways to cultivate contentment and lead a more authentic life. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 3, 10.30 am**

05 Camp here

Career Compass, in association with Laughing Elephants, presents an unforgettable outdoor summer camp amidst the tranquil Sharavathi backwaters near Jog Falls. Designed for children and teenagers aged 10 to 18, the camp offers opportunities to explore nature and build new skills. Those interested can contact for registration: +91 98450 47991. **When: May 7 to 21, June 11 to 25**

It's a dead end for power trips

Official order prohibits unauthorised traffic checks by home guards and reserve police, with action suggested against those found guilty

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Home guards and reserve police are officially barred from stopping or inspecting vehicles. In a circular dated April 22, Deputy Director General and Commissioner of Traffic and Road Safety K Parashurama directed all station officers across Karnataka to ensure compliance, stressing that such checks violate established norms.

"It is found that home guards and reserve police, in the absence of higher officers, indulge in stopping vehicles on the pretext of inspecting vehicles and verifying documents. It is said that home guards and reserve police took keys of the vehicles from motorists forcibly and also used filthy language. You are directed to take suitable action against those found guilty and also issue guidelines and directions to home guards and reserve police," the circular read.

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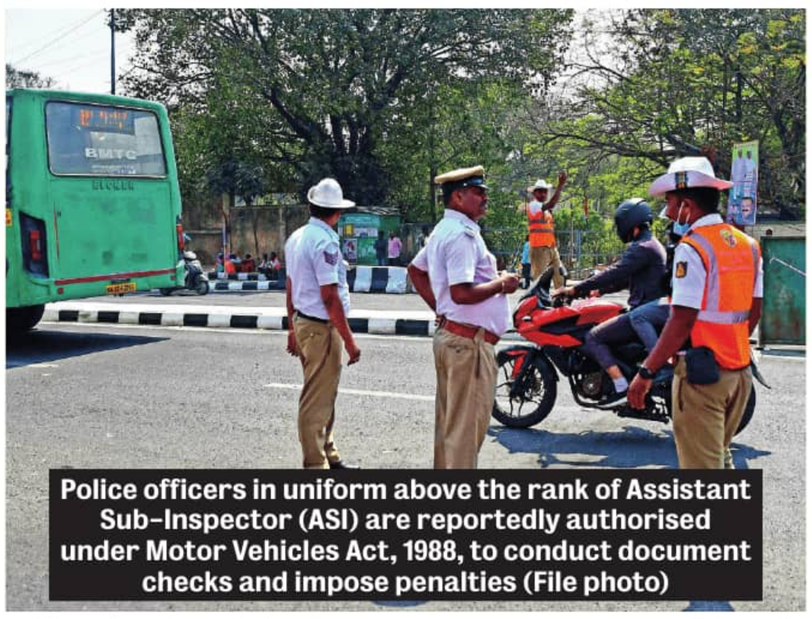
Not in your purview, keep off
Letter urges DG&IGP to prohibit home guards and reserve police from stopping vehicles for document verification

BM published 'Not in your purview, keep off' on April 10, 2026, highlighting how SPCA member Mohan Kumar Danappa urged for order prohibiting unauthorised checks by home guards and reserve police



Police officers in uniform above the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) are reportedly authorised under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, to conduct document checks and impose penalties (File photo)

Notably, State Police Complaints Authority (SPCA) member Mohan Kumar Danappa had urged the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) to issue an order prohibiting home guards and reserve police from stopping vehicles for document verification. In his April 8 letter, Danappa noted that only police officers in uniform above the rank of Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) are authorised under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to check documents and impose penalties for traffic violations.

Bangalore Mirror published a story 'Not in your purview, keep off' on April 10, 2026, narrating how some incidents of home guards and reserve police demanding money from commuters, according to SPCA member Mohan Kumar Danappa, were posted on social media and that such incidents are taking place on national highways and rural areas alike.

Motorists have welcomed the directive from Deputy Director General & Commissioner of Traffic and Road Safety K Parashurama ordering home guards and reserve police not to stop vehicles for document verification. "I am happy with the directive. It will avoid misuse of authority by home guards and reserve police in the absence of higher authorities authorised to inspect vehicles," said Purushotham K, a motorist.

Describing the directive as a step in the right direction, Prabhakar S, a motorist, said that the directive has been long overdue. "I welcome the directive preventing home guards and reserve police from misusing their authority to harass motorists," he said.

Group flags lapses in PTCL Act

A rights group working on land issues in Karnataka has raised fresh concerns over the implementation of the Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands (PTCL) Act, alleging that many beneficiaries continue to be deprived of their rightful holdings decades after the law came into force. They protested in large numbers at Freedom Park on Thursday.

In a press release issued this week, the PTCL Kayde Bhoomi Vanchithara Horata Samithi said that land originally granted to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is still being alienated or remains out of their possession due to administrative delays, legal hurdles, and alleged misuse of provisions. The group claimed that despite the Act being enacted in 1978–79 to restore such lands, its objectives have not been fully realised on the ground.

The organisation pointed to several cases where restoration proceedings have been pending for years, leaving affected families in uncertainty. It also highlighted concerns over interpretations of limitation periods and legal provisions that, according to the group, are being used to deny rightful restoration.

The Samithi further alleged that vulnerable communities continue to face systemic barriers, including lack of awareness, legal costs, and procedural delays. It called for stronger enforcement mechanisms, faster disposal of cases, and clearer guidelines to ensure that the intent of the PTCL Act is upheld.

Demanding government intervention, the group urged authorities to review pending cases and ensure that land meant for marginalised communities is protected and restored without undue delay.

Household expenses face new ground rules from May 1

Here's a breakdown of financial changes new month brings along with it

From May 1, several financial rule changes will begin to affect how people manage their everyday expenses, savings and payments. For most households, the biggest change will be in LPG usage. Booking a gas cylinder will no longer be as flexible as before, as customers will have to wait longer between bookings. This means families will need to plan their usage more carefully to avoid running out. The introduction of OTP-based delivery and mandatory biometric checks for some users adds an extra layer of security, but it may also slow down the process slightly. Those living in areas with piped gas may eventually have to shift away from LPG altogether. A possible increase in LPG prices will further add pressure on monthly budgets.

ATM and UPI charges

ATM users may also feel a pinch. With banks likely to either reduce free transactions or increase charges beyond the limit, customers will need to be more mindful of how often they withdraw cash. Digital payments may seem like an alternative, but even here, changes are coming. UPI transactions above a certain amount could attract small charges in some cases, and users switching phones will have to go through stricter verification steps. While these measures aim to improve security, they may cause minor inconvenience in the short term.

Money matters

Credit card holders will get a bit more flexibility with the option to change their billing cycle once, which can help align payments with salary dates. However, missing a payment will become costlier, as late fees are expected to rise. This makes timely repayment more important than ever to avoid extra charges and a negative impact on credit scores.

Fuel price change likely?

Fuel prices may remain steady for now, which offers some relief, but there is a possibility of small daily changes if global oil prices continue to rise. This means transport and travel costs could gradually increase over time. Insurance premiums are also likely to go up, so customers renewing policies may have to pay more than before.

Changes in minimum balance

Savings account holders should pay close attention to new bank rules. Changes in minimum balance requirements mean that those who do not maintain the required amount could face higher penalties, while those with higher balances may see only limited benefit. Investors will need to ensure their KYC details are updated and linked with PAN and Aadhaar. Failure to do so could interrupt mutual fund investments and even block withdrawals.

E-filing of taxes

On a positive note, improvements in the income tax e-filing system will make it easier to upload documents and may speed up refunds. Borrowers using digital loan apps will also benefit from clearer information, as lenders will now have to disclose all charges upfront. Overall, these changes mean customers will need to be more alert, plan finances better and adapt to stricter but more transparent systems. **— BMB**

Man's chain snatched during evening walk, culprit held

CRIME FILES

A chain-snatching theft was reported at the Banaswadi Police Station on April 16 by a resident of HRBR Layout. The police seized a 25-gram gold chain amounting to a total of Rs 3.50 lakh on April 24 and have arrested one man in this regard.

According to the police complaint, the victim was on an evening walk when an unidentified person wearing a mask approached him and proceeded to snatch the gold chain before fleeing the scene.

The police received credible intel and nabbed the accused on April 23 near HRBR Layout.

The accused then confessed to the crime and was later taken into three days of police custody based on a court order.

Sustained interrogation led to police officials recovering the gold chain, which the accused had reportedly sold to another person.

After making the recovery, the accused was presented before the court on April 25 and has since been remanded in judicial custody. — BMB

Duo arrested for chain-snatching, accomplice still absconding

A woman and a man were arrested by the Kengeri police in regard to a chain-snatching theft on April 22. The police seized a 17-gram gold chain worth Rs 1.50 lakh on April 27. According to the police complaint, the victim was walking on Kengeri Suburban 5th Main Road when two unidentified persons on a two-wheeler snatched the gold chain from the victim's neck and fled the scene.

The police nabbed the accused near Kengeri Railway Station. Based on the information provided by him, a notice was issued to a woman accomplice, who was brought to the station and taken into custody.

On April 23, the duo were presented before the court.

The woman accused was taken into judicial custody, while the man was taken into six days of police custody.

During police custody, the man revealed that the gold chain was pledged by the woman at a gold loan facility in Hosakote. He also revealed that there was another accomplice. On April 28, the man was produced before the court and has since been in judicial custody. The police are on the lookout for the third accused in the case, and the investigation is underway. — BMB

Family told to provide financial support to unmarried woman

IN HIGH COURT

In a notable decision, the Karnataka High Court has affirmed a family court order directing a mother and her elder daughter to provide maintenance to an unmarried woman, recognising her right to financial support from immediate family when she is unable to sustain herself. The dispute stemmed from a challenge to an earlier order granting the woman Rs 20,000 per month as maintenance, along with financial assistance for her future marriage expenses. The petitioners opposed the direction, but the High Court refused to interfere, effectively upholding the relief granted. While doing so, the court underscored that financial responsibility within a family cannot be narrowly interpreted. It observed that "the obligation to maintain a dependent member of the family cannot be avoided merely on technical grounds," and that such responsibility may extend beyond conventional relationships depending on the facts of the case.

The court further noted that "an unmarried woman, if unable to maintain herself, is entitled to seek support from those who are in a position to provide it within the family structure." Emphasising the need to protect vulnerable individuals, it added that "maintenance provisions must be interpreted in a manner that advances social justice and prevents destitution." — BMB

Freedom fighter's widow has to fight for her rights, too

A 92-year-old widow of a recognised freedom fighter has moved the Karnataka High Court, contesting the abrupt stoppage of her family pension. In her petition, she stated that her late husband had been granted a freedom fighter's pension by the Union government in the early 1970s. After his death in 2000, she continued to receive the benefit as a family pensioner. While both the State and Central components were being disbursed for years, the Central share was suddenly discontinued in March 2019 without any formal communication.

The case was heard by Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum, who issued notice to the Union government, the State authorities and Union Bank of India, calling for their response. During the proceedings, the State submitted that its portion of the pension had been paid regularly and clarified that the issue concerned the Central government's contribution.

The petitioner explained that payments had been uninterrupted until February 2019. Thereafter, despite repeated representations, the pension was not restored. Emphasising her circumstances, the petitioner told the court that she is bedridden, has no one to depend on, and relies on the pension for her livelihood. She has sought directions to resume the pension. — BMB

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Eco friendly speech outside but plastic inside civic office event

Sanitary pad distribution drive meant to promote awareness draws criticism as authorities sidestep Chief Minister's directive by using plastic at official event

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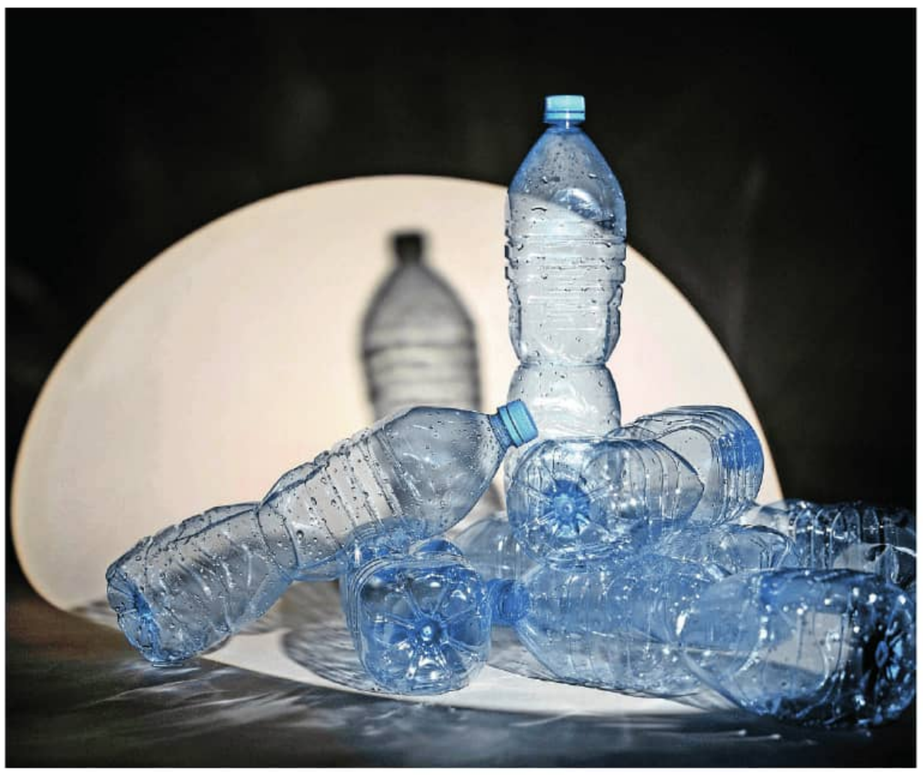
The authorities are expected to impose penalties on those using single-use plastic or polypropylene bags, especially after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah issued a circular last year advising government departments to avoid plastic bottles at official events. However, questions arise when Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) authorities appear to overlook both the ban on polypropylene bags and the Chief Minister's directive.

An event held at the BWCC Commissioner's Office premises has brought this contradiction into focus. Organised by the Indian Development Foundation in association with Apexon Ignite, the programme aimed to distribute free sanitary pads to around 100 pourakarmikas as part of a menstrual health initiative. Dr Arathi Anand, Joint Commissioner of WECC, attended as chief guest at the function held on April 18.

The sanitary pads, branded as Sabarmati Saheli Pads, were said to be manufactured by women inmates at Sabarmati Prison. Addressing the gathering, Dr Arathi Anand spoke about menstrual hygiene, stressing the importance of awareness and access to safe products.

However, the event has drawn criticism from environmentalists, who pointed out the use of plastic bottles and polypropylene bags during the programme. They questioned how such practices continue within government premises despite an existing ban on single-use plastics in Karnataka.



Event highlights lack of awareness among officials on sustainability

Shobha Bhat, Founder Secretary of Usiru Foundation, noted that Karnataka was the first state to ban all single-use plastics and said the Chief Minister's direction to adopt eco-friendly alternatives was welcome. "Roads, vacant sites, water bodies, and tourist places are littered with plastic and burning garbage. Government policy must reflect in its own offices to set an example. Many people mistake polypropylene bags for cloth, but they are not. These bags are flooding the market," she said.

Padmashree Balaram, a prominent environmentalist, emphasised the importance of aligning good intentions with sustainable practices. "Pourakarmikas could have been given awareness on menstrual cups and gifted one each. "How and where will they dispose of soiled pads? A menstrual cup is neat, protects dignity, and is reusable. Pads were given in polypropylene bags, which are worse than single-use plastic, along with small plastic water bottles. Being a BWCC event, everything could have been reusable. It was a missed opportunity," she said.

Sowmya Raghavan, a member of BNP's research wing and Bengaluru Eco team, expressed concern over the lack of awareness. "There is a complete disconnect between what is right and what is practiced. We are moving toward SWM 2026 rules, yet officials are unaware of sustainable practices, recyclable materials, and reuse concepts. We continue to consume as if resources are unlimited," she said. Meanwhile, Indian Development Foundation Zonal Officer Ramakrishnan R said he was unaware of the ban on polypropylene bags. "We will take measures to avoid using polypropylene bags in the future. Water bottles were provided by BWCC authorities," he said.

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Residential quarters under threat

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are exposed at the bottom of the wall and stones used for cladding piers are missing at two stretches. "No one bothered to strengthen the wall. A few stretches of the compound wall are not in a good condition. It is better to take preventive measures rather than announcing compensation if the remaining portion comes crashing during monsoon," said Sheik Ahmed, a resident of Shivajinagar. Even the compound wall of Gosha Maternity Hospital is in a sad shape, but its height is way less than the Bowring hospital wall. We look at just a few instances of neglected structures:

Residential quarters

It took a few building collapses in 2022 for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner to order a survey of weaker buildings in the city. The police residential quarters on RK Mutt Road in Halasuru have been in a dilapidated condition for more than four years, but nothing has been done either to vacate the residents or demolish the structure. It is said the police authorities, who are supposed to take care of the maintenance of the residential quarters complex, have so far only managed to send a proposal to the higher authorities. "The condition of the residential quarters on the second floor is very bad. Not many families live here due to the poor condition of the structure," said a police constable, pleading anonymity.

The condition of residential quarters for economically weaker sections at Kadirannapalya near Indiranagar is also bad. It is said the then BBMP engineer had served a notice advising the residents to vacate the quarters but there is no progress till date. The residential complex constructed more than three decades ago is in a poor condition and may collapse if it rains heavily.

Kalyani of Someshwara Temple

There was an attempt to restore the sacred pond or kalyani of Someshwara Temple in Halasuru in 2010. The then Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa and Minister Shobha Karandlaje participated in rituals associated with corrective measures as a part of reviving kalyani. During the revival programme, a few of the buildings were supposed to be demolished but the plan was postponed due to legal issues. Now, the buildings adjacent to the kalyani are not safe and pose danger to the residents. "The foundations of those buildings adjacent to the pond are exposed. The BCCC engineers must take suitable action," said BR Chandran, a resident.

KR Circle Underpass

The underpass at KR Circle is known for flooding. A 23-year-old IT professional Bhanurekha died on May 21, 2024, when her car was submerged in water at the underpass. It was also in the news when the authorities had to deploy four water tankers to pour water into the underpass to check if the drain was clogged with garbage or not on June 7, 2023. The Lokayukta Inspector General of Police inspected the underpass on June 7.

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Poor road

Yelahanka

A severely damaged road near Yelahanka Railway Station is disrupting daily commuters and causing inconvenience.

Parking misuse

Marenhalli

BMTC bus stop near Ragigudda petrol bunk is being misused for private vehicle parking, disrupting public transport use.

Dark stretch

Yellagondanapalya

Anjaneya Temple Street in Yellagondanapalya remains in complete darkness due to absence of streetlights, causing safety concerns.

Bengaluru after dark: Where pizza, people and possibilities collide

Bengaluru's after-dark culture thrives as young professionals embrace late dining, social bonding, flexible routines redefining urban leisure beyond norms

Bengaluru may be India's Silicon Valley by day, but by night it transforms into a buzzing playground where the city's young crowd lets loose, one pizza slice at a time.

From neon-lit pubs in Indiranagar to breezy rooftop cafés in Koramangala, Bengalureans in their 20s and early 30s are embracing nightlife like never before. For many, it's not just about partying, it's about unwinding, socialising, and indulging in comfort food that fuels late-night conversations.

"I work a hectic tech job, and nights are my escape," says 26-year-old software engineer Rohan Kumar. "There's something about sitting with friends at 1 am, sharing food and just talking about life that feels therapeutic."

Across the city, restaurants and cloud kitchens have caught on to this growing demand. Late-night menus are getting longer, cheesier and more experimental.

From classic Margheritas to loaded meat feasts and fusion toppings, pizzas have become the undisputed star of Bengaluru's after-hours food scene.

"Pizza is easy, shareable and always hits the spot," says Ayesha Khan, a 23-year-old design student. "We don't even plan nights out any more. Someone just texts 'pizza?' and within minutes, we're all in."

Restaurants extend menus while digital platforms surge post-midnight, reflecting shifting habits, increased spending power, improved safety, evolving preferences shaping nocturnal city life dynamics today patterns

What's driving this shift? Experts point to a mix of evolving work culture, disposable income and a globalised lifestyle.

With flexible work hours and remote jobs becoming the norm, young professionals are no longer bound by traditional schedules.

"Nightlife today isn't just about clubs," says city-based student Dr Naveen R. "It's about creating micro-experiences of food, music and community that fit into people's lifestyles."

Social media has also played a major role. Instagram Stories filled with aesthetic food shots and late-night hangouts have turned nocturnal outings into a cultural trend. The 'post-work pizza run' is now as much about the vibe as it is about the food.

Interestingly, safety and accessibility have improved, encouraging more people, especially women, to step out at night. "I feel much more comfortable going out late now than I did a few years ago," says marketing professional Sneha Iyer. "Plus, there are so many well-lit, lively places open late."

However, not everyone is thrilled about the city's sleepless streak. Residents in quieter neighbourhoods have raised concerns about noise and traffic spilling into the early hours. Despite this, the appetite for nightlife shows no signs of slowing down. Food delivery apps report spikes in orders post-midnight, with pizzas consistently topping the charts.

Aftermath of a rainy evening

Scenes of upheavals across city a day after downpour disaster

Safety audit ordered

Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr. Sharanprakash R. Patil has ordered a comprehensive safety audit of all government hospital buildings and compound walls. During a site visit on Thursday, the minister directed officials to conduct a detailed inspection and submit a report, while confirming that a formal inquiry led by the Public Works Department's chief engineer is underway, with further action to follow based on its findings. An expert team has now been tasked with examining infrastructure across the state, including key Bengaluru facilities such as Victoria Hospital, to assess structural safety and prevent similar incidents. **–BMB**

Vendors asked to clear out of unsafe areas

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has directed officials to clear street vendors operating alongside compound walls across Bengaluru, citing safety risks. He said authorities have already been instructed to identify such vulnerable locations and take immediate action to prevent potential hazards in the city. Responding to concerns about possible official negligence, Shivakumar stated that the incident should not have occurred but refrained from assigning blame. He pointed out that soil piled up next to the compound wall of Vajpayee (Bowring) Hospital had created pressure, leading to its collapse. He added that strict instructions have been issued to ensure no vendors are allowed to operate in such high-risk areas. **–BMB**

Rain-related toll rises to ten

Rain-related death toll rose to 10 in the city by Thursday evening. Seventeen-year-old Syed Sufiyan died after coming into contact with a live electrical wire while parking his motorcycle. According to preliminary reports, Sufiyan had come to the area to buy clothes. As the rain intensified, he was trying to park his two-wheeler when he came into contact with a live electric wire that had snapped and fallen across a stretch of nearly 50 metres. He died on the spot due to electrocution. According to media sources his mother, Ume Salma, who was present at the scene, reportedly collapsed after witnessing the incident. In another incident, Raghu (35) was electrocuted near Sarakki bus stop on Bannerghatta Road. A third victim, Manjunath (35), died in Chamarajpet after a cement block from a neighbouring building crashed through his roof during heavy rain. According to police, Manjunath was alone at his rented home, resting on a bed on the second floor, while his wife and son had stepped out to attend a function. Amid the downpour, a heavy sheet-like object from an adjacent building is suspected to have fallen onto the house. The impact allegedly dislodged bricks placed on the sheet, which collapsed onto him, causing fatal injuries. Police have registered cases and launched investigations, focusing on electrical hazards and weakened structures. **–BMB**

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1. Rescue efforts underway after a compound wall collapse in Shivajinagar; 2. KR Circle underpass submerged after heavy rain; 3&4. Waterlogged streets, damaged vehicles and debris leave commuters struggling across the city; 5. After heavy rain, fallen trees and flooding choke Bengaluru roads

Record rain in single spell

After a largely dry April, Bengaluru saw an intense spell of rain on Wednesday, recording 111 mm in 24 hours, the highest for the month and surpassing the earlier record of 108.6 mm set in 2001.

Meteorologists say the sudden shift is linked to changing atmospheric conditions over southern India. According to IMD scientist Dr N Puviarasan, a trough extending from South Interior Karnataka to the Gulf of Mannar and an anti-cyclonic circulation over parts of Maharashtra and Telangana are influencing the region's weather.

The India Meteorological Department has issued alerts for thunderstorms and gusty winds across Karnataka over the next two days. Winds may reach 50–60 km/h in South Interior Karnataka, while Bengaluru could see light to moderate rain with gusts of 30–40 km/h and steady temperatures around 35°C/21°C. **–BMB**

Engineer suspended

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday ordered the suspension of the Executive Engineer concerned and directed officials to issue a formal notice in the matter.

Chairing a review meeting with Greater Bengaluru Authority officials, the Chief Minister examined the circumstances leading to the incident and questioned why soil had been dumped near the structure despite known risks. He also sought an explanation from hospital authorities over alleged lapses and directed that a notice be issued to the administration. Calling for accountability, Siddaramaiah instructed urgent repair of potholes across Bengaluru and measures to address infrastructure weaknesses exposed by recent rainfall. The Chief Minister instructed all zonal commissioners to take preventive steps such as pruning of dry and hazardous tree branches. He also called for desilting of stormwater drains. **–BMB**

Lokayukta steps in, promises strict action

The Karnataka Lokayukta on Thursday visited the wall collapse site, registered a suo motu case, and ordered a detailed probe, warning strict action against those found responsible. Expressing condolences to the bereaved families, Lokayukta BS Patil also reviewed the condition of the injured and spoke with doctors treating them. Preliminary observations pointed to structural lapses, including a weak foundation, use of cement blocks, and excessive sand dumped along the wall, which increased pressure on an already fragile structure. Patil directed departments to submit a comprehensive report and fix accountability, stating that such incidents must not recur anywhere in the state. He also visited the hospital and assured that medical expenses would be borne by the government, with compensation to be provided to the injured. Later, the Lokayukta inspected the waterlogged KR Circle underpass, directing officials to clear stagnant water and waste. **–BMB**

Choke carries on to day 2

The impact of Wednesday's heavy rain continued across Bengaluru on Thursday, with slow-moving traffic reported in several areas due to fallen trees and ongoing clearing work. Commuters faced delays as civic teams removed debris, while some locations saw trees left uncleared for hours, disrupting movement. The downpour caused widespread damage, flooding a bookshop and destroying 4,000–5,000 books, while tree falls damaged vehicles across several neighbourhoods. On Wednesday night, a fallen tree briefly halted traffic near Cauvery Junction, while waterlogging hit the City Civil Court canteen. Residents flagged uneven civic response times.

Police advisory

The city police have advised caution as more rain is expected. Commuters have been urged to plan travel in advance, maintain safe distance, and use the ASTraM app and Google Maps for updates. Alerts on waterlogging, potholes, and damaged roads will be shared on social media, with motorists advised to use headlights and follow diversion signs. **–BMB**

Bodies handed over to families

The Commercial Street Police have registered an unnatural death case into the wall collapse. The victims were mostly roadside vendors and shoppers seeking shelter. The collapse occurred at 5:30 pm on April 29. Legal formalities were completed and a case was filed. The 25-year-old wall is suspected to have weakened; a report is awaited. Authorities coordinated with families to transport the deceased to their native places. The bodies were handed over to the families on Thursday. Among the dead, three were from Bengaluru, two from Kerala, and two from Assam and Bihar. Two injured tourists from Ernakulam were sent to Kerala in ambulances, while police sought PWD input and reviewed IMD rainfall data. **–BMB**

Arshad Khan plays key role in dismantling RCB batting line-up

Gujarat Titans make easy game of chase

For Gujarat Titans, the chase became easy as Royal Challengers Bengaluru were bundled out for just 155 runs in 19.2 overs in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

Fast bowler Arshad Khan picked three wickets and set the scene for Gujarat. Captain Shubman Gill's 48 off 18 balls set the stage for an easy chase. Joss Buttler and Rahul Tewatia later on helped cement the probability of win. After this, even the loss of a few wickets didn't hurt Gujarat as they made it through easily.

Put in to bat first, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) had a slow start to their innings. Mohammed Siraj bowled a tight opening over, giving away just six runs and keeping things under control early on.

However, the momentum quickly shifted in the very next over, thanks to Virat Kohli. The experienced batter took charge and attacked Kagiso Rabada aggressively, smashing five consecutive boundaries. Rabada ended up conceding 21 runs in that over, giving RCB an early boost.

Despite the strong counterattack, the Gujarat Titans struck back soon. Siraj provided the first breakthrough by dismissing Jacob Bethell, who continued his poor run of form and managed only five runs.

RCB suffered another big setback in the following over when Kohli tried to keep the pressure on but mistimed his shot. He chipped a good length delivery from Rabada straight to mid-wicket, where Rashid Khan completed the catch. Kohli scored a quick 28 off just 13 balls, hitting five fours and a six.

With two wickets down, Devdutt Padikkal kept the scoring rate high. He played some attacking shots, including two boundaries and a six against Siraj. RCB ended the powerplay at a strong 59/2.

Captain Rajat Patidar tried to build a partnership with Padikkal and looked in good touch with a couple of boundaries. However, he fell while attempting an aggressive shot at Arshad Khan. He was caught by Jason Holder at deep backward square leg.

The dismissal led to some controversy, as RCB players were unhappy with the decision. They believed Holder had not fully controlled the catch and that the ball may have touched the ground. However, the umpires ruled it out, and Patidar had to walk back.

GT tightened their grip further in the next over when Holder struck again, dismissing Jitesh Sharma for just one run. The wicket added more pressure on RCB's struggling middle order.

For GT, Arshad Khan was the standout bowler with three wickets. Jason Holder and Rashid Khan supported him well with two wickets each, while Siraj and Rabada chipped in with one wicket apiece to complete a strong bowling performance. **-Agencies**

1. Gujarat Titans' Rashid Khan celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Devdutt Padikkal 2. Gujarat Titans' captain Shubman Gill and teammates Jason Holder and Kagiso Rabada celebrate the wicket of Royal Challengers Bengaluru's captain Rajat Patidar; 3. Gujarat Titans' Shubman Gill walks back to the pavilion after his dismissal by Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Bhuvneshwar Kumar

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BTC clears glanders hurdle, summer racing season to start

Animal Husbandry nod revives racing, with record Rs5-crore Derby and classics sponsored to lift BTC's summer calendar

After a five-month break, the thunder of hooves will return on May Day, heralding the start of the summer racing season

Hit hard by the zoonotic Glanders disease, the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC), after five months gained the free from glanders certificate from the National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Hisar.

The club next needed final clearance from the state Animal Husbandry Department to put horses back on track and start the summer season. To the delight of professionals, stakeholders and railbirds, the Animal Husbandry Department cleared the decks for racing at BTC last week, and the summer season will kick off on May Day at this premier racing centre. Club officials, who played a key role in following government protocols and NRCE directives to eliminate the disease among affected animals, said a competitive seven-event card has been framed for the opening day. BTC chairman L Shivashankar said the club conducted around a dozen mock races last week to assess track conditions. Jockeys indicated that the surface remains hard and needs rainfall to improve performance conditions. "It's good enough to start, but we need two good spells of rain during the week," said Shivashankar, adding that the club is watering the track daily using 20 to 25 water tankers.

AT THE RACES

On licensing, Shivashankar said the process is underway and should not pose a problem, given that the committee has addressed all requirements. "As many as 125 outstation horses including many classic hopefuls from Mumbai and Hyderabad are expected to compete in the summer bonanza," he said.

He added that the Poonawalla Summer Derby, scheduled for Sunday, July 12, will be the richest race in Indian racing history, offering total stakes of ₹5 crore. Apart from the Derby, breeder and promoter Zavaray Poonawalla will sponsor the Colts and Fillies Classics and the Bangalore St Leger.

"Zavaray has played a big role in promoting the big classics events at BTC and that has helped BTC raise the bar," said Manjunath Ramesh, chairman of the racing committee.

Shivashankar announced that BTC will relocate to Kunigal within two years. "The government has allotted BTC 110 acres at the heritage Kunigal Stud Farm apart from the four acres at the existing premises to construct a grand club house and for the on-course and off-course betting operations and in the next couple of months we will initiate dialogue with the government on the shifting issue," he said.

-Ikram Khan

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Citizens live in fear of falling trees as winds, rain get intense

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their bases with concrete, cutting off essential access to water and air.

Kavita K, a green activist, said, "The city's preference for foreign ornamental trees is a concern. These trees, prone to falling even in light winds and rain, have created a sense of fear among the people, who now live in constant worry about when and where the next tree might cause harm.

Originally planted 40-50 years ago to beautify over half of the city's areas, these exotic trees are now collapsing with alarming frequency, leading to accidents involving vehicles, damage to infrastructure like electric poles, and general public distress, especially during the monsoon."

Nanda Gowda, a postgraduate student, said it was time to halt the repeated digging of roads for various infrastructure projects, such as road construction, metro lines, drainage systems, water pipelines, and electric cables. "The focus should shift to planting native tree species. These indigenous trees have deep root systems, making them resilient enough to withstand strong winds and rain, and they can thrive for hundreds of years," Gowda said.

Experts also highlight that the city's ecological imbalance is making trees more vulnerable. With a growing population of around 1.4 crore and only about 7.5 million trees, the gap between requirement and availability is significant. Ideally, the city should maintain roughly seven trees per person.

Wind patterns in the city further complicate the situation. Regular wind speeds range from 10 to 40 km/h and can increase during storms. Trees with compromised root systems are unable to withstand such conditions, leading to frequent incidents of uprooting and breakage. Despite recurring cases, preventive measures remain limited. A GBA official said, "There is a severe shortage of staff for managing tree-related concerns across the city. This has made regular inspections and timely intervention difficult."

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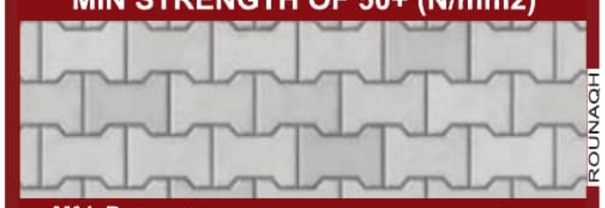

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Skin-deep trouble

Could your rashes be a food allergy? Here's what to know

If you observe a sudden rash or your skin breaks into hives, don't take it lightly as a minor skin issue. But many times, your skin is doing more than just reacting. It is trying to signal and communicate an underlying problem which can be early warning signs of a food allergy, making it important to pay attention rather than ignore them.

Understanding The Skin-Food Connection

"Skin is often the first organ to signal that something within the body is not quite right," explains Dr. Akanksha Sanghvi, Dermatologist and Founder of Oprava Aesthetics. Food allergies occur when the immune system mistakenly treats certain proteins as harmful. "This triggers the release of chemicals like histamine, which can show up as itching, redness, or raised bumps on the skin." While common triggers include milk, eggs, peanuts, shellfish, wheat, soy, and fish, even everyday foods like lentils, chickpeas, tomatoes, or strawberries can sometimes cause reactions.

What Do Hives Really Indicate?

Hives, or urticaria, are one of the most noticeable signs. They appear as raised, itchy welts that can vary in size and often move across different parts of the body. "Hives are frequently linked to food allergies, but not all cases are food-related," notes Dr. Akanksha. Other triggers can include infections, medications, stress, or even sun exposure. This makes it important not to jump to conclusions without proper evaluation.

When It's More Than Just A Rash

Unlike hives, food-related rashes often fall under dermatitis. These can show up as dryness, redness, or persistent itching. "Food-induced dermatitis is more commonly seen in individuals with an atopic background, particularly those with asthma or allergic rhinitis," she adds. These reactions can be immediate or delayed, making them harder to identify.

> Rashes can be early warning signs of a food allergy, making it important to pay attention rather than ignore them

Getting The Right Diagnosis

You can't blindly conclude your rashes as food allergy. Doctors usually perform certain diagnosis to understand your detailed medical and dietary histories, along with specific tests. Blood tests measuring serum IgE levels can indicate sensitivity, while skin prick tests offer quick insights by observing reactions to small amounts of allergens. However, both tests need to be interpreted carefully.

"In some cases, elimination diets followed by controlled food challenges are required to establish a clear diagnosis," says Dr. Akanksha, emphasising that these should always be done under medical supervision.

Why Early Diagnosis Matters

If your skin issues seem to be a recurring one or doesn't have any conclusive leads, then it shouldn't be ignored. Identifying a food-related trigger early can help prevent more severe allergic reactions in the future. From a dermatological perspective, staying alert to patterns on what you eat and how your skin reacts can make a significant difference in your overall well-being.

Keep An Eye on These Food Items That Causes Such Allergies

- Milk and dairy products
- Eggs
- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts, pistachios)
- Shellfish (prawns, crab, lobster)
- Fish
- Wheat and gluten-containing foods
- Soy and soy products
- Tomatoes
- Strawberries
- Citrus fruits (orange, lemon)
- Brinjal (eggplant)
- Lentils (dal)
- Chickpeas (chana)

Frequently Asked Questions

■ Can all rashes be linked to food allergies?

■ No, not all rashes are caused by food allergies. They can also result from infections, environmental factors, or skin conditions.

■ How soon do food allergy symptoms appear?

■ Symptoms can appear within minutes or be delayed by several hours, depending on the type of reaction.

■ Are hives always a sign of allergy?

■ Not always. Hives can also be triggered by stress, medications, or infections.

■ Should I avoid certain foods if I get frequent rashes?

■ Avoid self-diagnosis. Consult a doctor before eliminating foods, as unnecessary restrictions can affect nutrition.

■ When should I see a doctor?

■ If rashes or hives are recurrent, severe, or accompanied by swelling or breathing issues, seek medical attention immediately.

–Kayal Arivalan, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

5 ways to deal with a competitive friend

Find Out The Cause
Not every competitive friendship stems from malice. Sometimes insecurity and miscommunication can lead a person to feel the need to make themselves appear better than others. So, it is imperative to talk to the friend and find out the reason why they are feeling insecure and whether the two of you can work on it.

Establish Boundaries
People tend to have certain trigger points that incite their competitiveness, so steering away from such topics can help you maintain a healthy friendship.

Taking The Praise Route
Use praise and affirmation. Demonstrating that you are in a secure place and are not threatened by the friend's achievements will make them realise that the friendship is not a race towards a finish line with one person emerging as a winner. Complementing them on milestones or even small victories can help strengthen the friendship.

Initiate Collaboration
Let them know that you are seeking teamwork. Collaborative activities like working on projects together to achieve shared goals can also make the person less hostile and more empathetic towards you.

Prioritise Self Care
Sometimes, when all else fails, the only way to deal with a competitive friend is to cut them off. If your friendship gets to a point where it starts to exhaust your mental health or interfere with your daily life, it is important to break contact. A good friend revels in your victories and is your biggest supporter so if competitiveness persists; then you should leave them behind and diversify your circle. –Femina

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Kakuro

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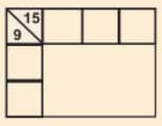

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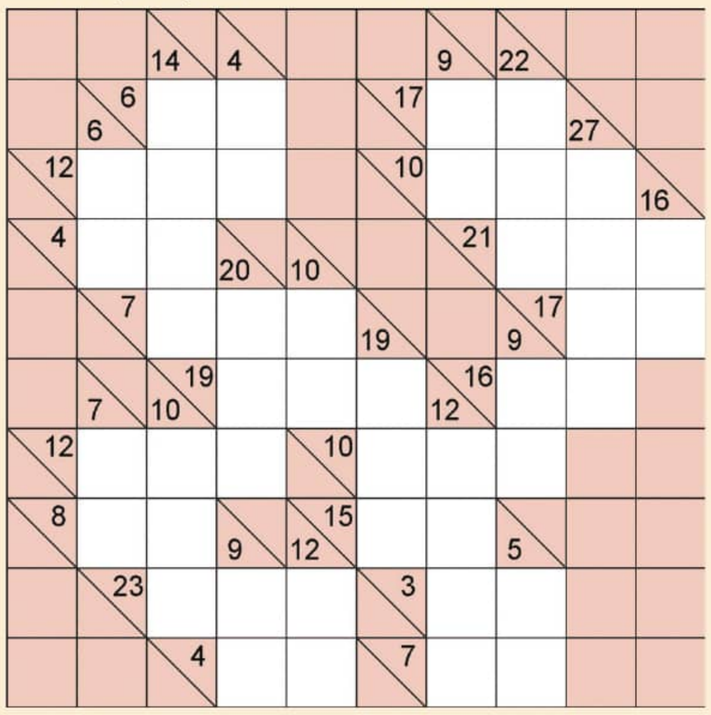

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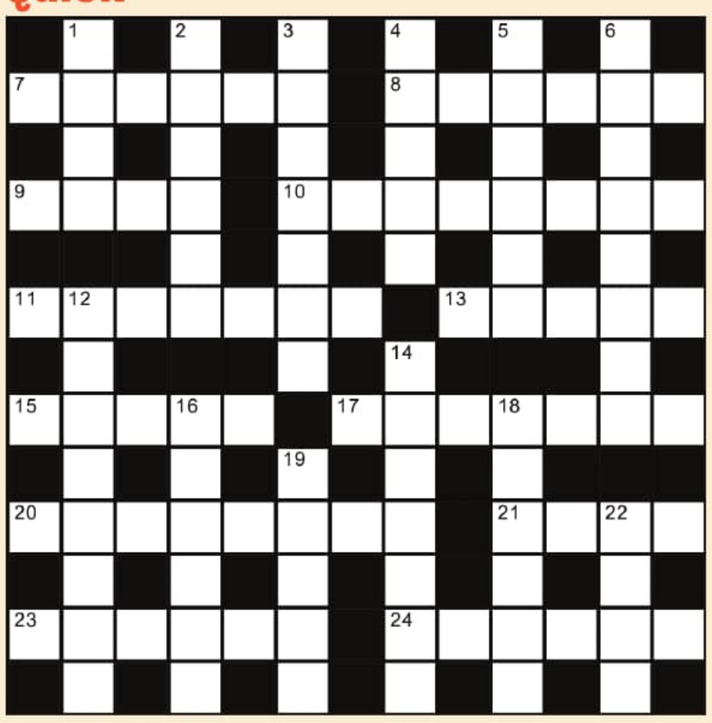

ACROSS

7 Make person beloved? (6)
8 Derrick (3,3)
9 Sharp blow (4)
10 Small piece (8)
11 Jeer or boo (7)
13 A proverb (5)
15 Highly skilled (5)
17 Appropriates or pinches (7)
20 Cutting drastically (8)
21 Dublin is its capital (4)
23 French stew (6)
24 Ways, courses, journeys (6)

DOWN

1 Be aware of (4)
2 ___ FC: Famous Scottish football club (6)
3 A side view (7)
4 R in RCB (5)
5 Found fault with or held responsible (6)
6 Noon? No just the opposite! (8)
12 Omar of J&K (8)
14 Counterfeiters (7)
16 Hand from one to another? (4,2)
18 Maintain one's rating (4,2)
19 Eats sparingly in order to lose weight (5)
22 Regretted (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS T

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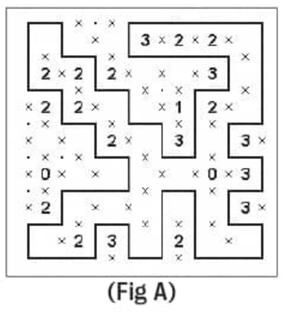
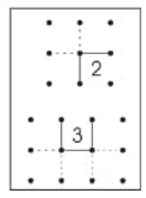
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

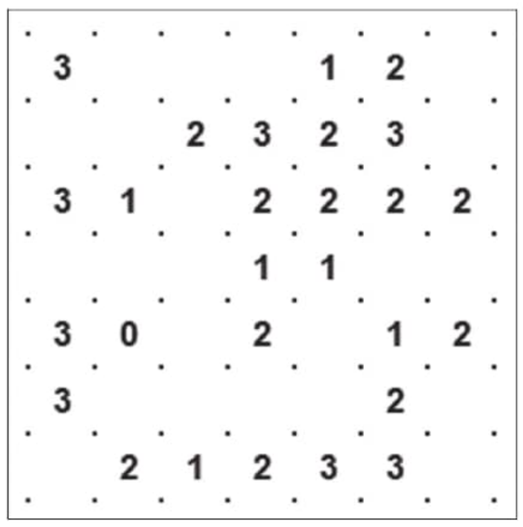


(Fig B) Not Allowed

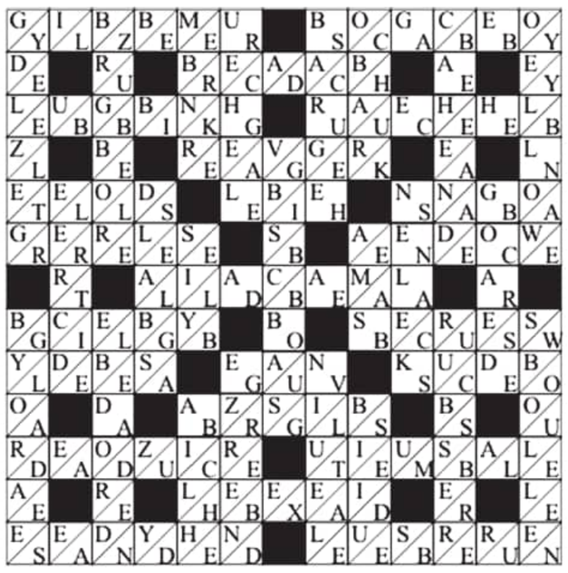
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



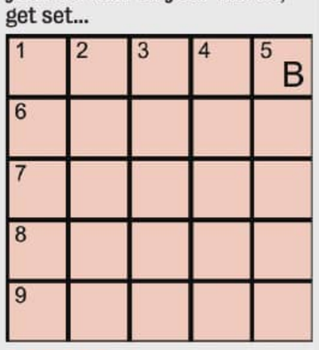
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Mr Cub; 6 A hove; 7 Tabus; 8 T reel; 9 Stars

DOWN

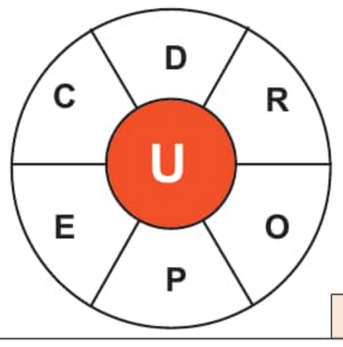
1 Ratch; 2 Brose; 3 A luv U; 4 Ret me; 5 Stabs

Mensapuzzle

Which number goes in the empty box?

46	85	12
13	48	71
81	54	63
61		53

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

17 Average; 19 Good; 21 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		4			6	7		
		7				1		
				1	8		3	
1			5				6	2
7		8				4		9
2	3				1			7
	9		8	2				
		5				9		
		3	9			2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

□□□□□□□ = 9

2 6 3 2

Medium

□□□□□□□ = 14

4 6 8 4

Hard

□□□□□□□ = 25

1 3 5 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is larger. 2. Tie is longer. 3. Bracelet is moved. 4. Roof is different. 5. Railing is shorter. 6. Finger is moved.

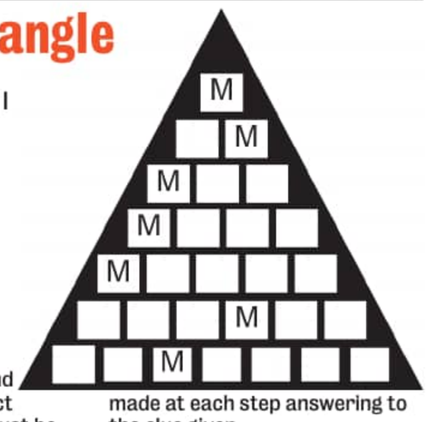
Riddler

Using real names to make common words/phrases, name the offspring: (the first one is free!)

1. Mr and Mrs Voyant-Clare (as in Clairvoyant)
2. Mr and Mrs Tress
3. Mr and Mrs Nasium
4. Mr and Mrs Anthemum

Alpha triangle

1 Meter, abbr.
2 I think therefore I
3 Operate
4 Lion's pride
5 Wherewithal
6 Mariners
7 Belittles



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

ME FUTURE BRIDE WANTS TO ASK YA SUMPIN'!
UGH!
I WANT YOU TO START CALLING ME MOTHER!
WHAT'S HE DOING?
I THINK HE'S TRYING TO DROWN HIMSELF!
BLUB!
7-30
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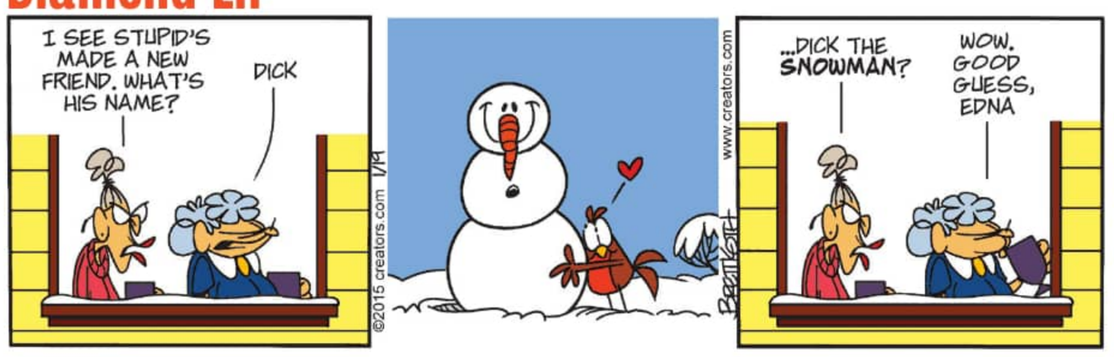

Hart of the city

DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF GAFF TAPE WE'RE COMPETING WITH?
THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS?
OH, SURE. YOU'VE GOT YOUR JV55 J90 LOW GLOSS, THE SCAPA 123 ECONOMY GRADE, SHURTAPE P-628 INDUSTRIAL GRADE...
HMM... LET ME CONNECT YOU WITH SOMEONE WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE KINDS OF DETAILS.
YOU RANG?
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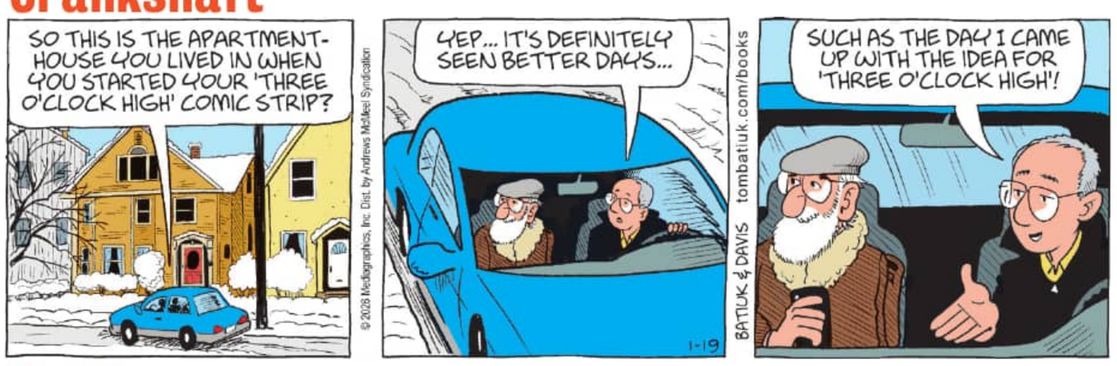
Crankshaft


SO THIS IS THE APARTMENT-HOUSE YOU LIVED IN WHEN YOU STARTED YOUR 'THREE O'CLOCK HIGH' COMIC STRIP?
YEP... IT'S DEFINITELY SEEN BETTER DAYS...
SUCH AS THE DAY I CAME UP WITH THE IDEA FOR 'THREE O'CLOCK HIGH'!
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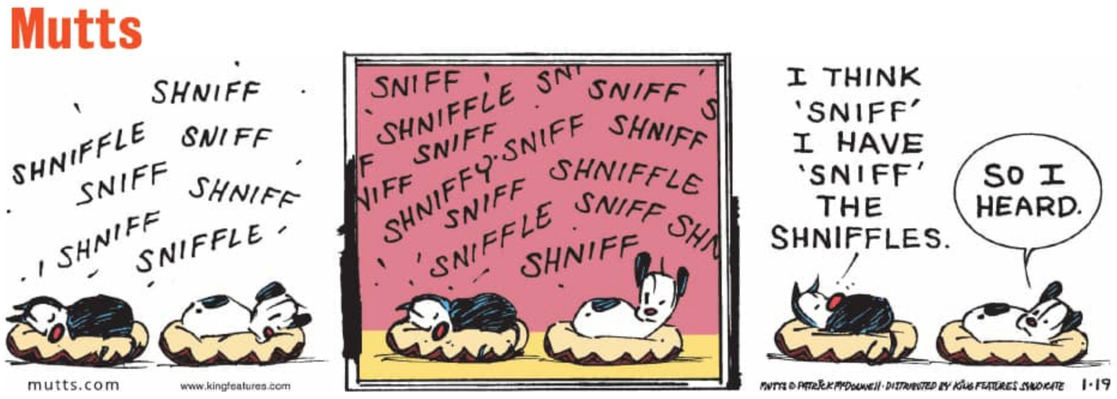
Mutts



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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If it's your birthday today

Your upcoming year focuses on self-initiation and leadership. You will find yourself stepping into roles that require firm decision-making. Expect a significant shift in your professional identity by autumn. While independence is your strength, learning to delegate will be your greatest lesson. Financial gains are linked to a bold, solo venture you have been contemplating for a very long time.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Conversations with family, especially women, may feel unclear or misunderstood today. Someone could need emotional support. Listen patiently, and ensure you clearly understand others? Expectations before responding or making assumptions.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel dreamy and lost in imagination today, valuing fantasy over reality. Enjoy it, but avoid making important decisions or starting significant projects, as your judgment might not be practical.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your focus on finances today may be clouded, leading to unrealistic or impulsive choices. Avoid major purchases or decisions, and instead delay money matters until you can think more clearly.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may feel unusually emotional and somewhat confused today, particularly when dealing with authority figures like parents or bosses. Avoid making major decisions now, and handle situations with patience and caution.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Give yourself grace today if self-doubt creeps in or you question your choices. Many feel similarly. It's not ideal for decisions, particularly regarding travel or legal matters, so wait.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel a strong connection or admiration toward someone today, especially in social groups. Despite this warmth, avoid committing to anything serious, particularly involving money, shared resources, or inheritances.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You are especially noticeable today, attracting attention from others. Some may even know personal details about you. Stay mindful of your actions and words in case you need to manage impressions.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may crave escape from routine and responsibilities today, seeking excitement or change. While trying something new is fine, avoid making important decisions, as confusion could affect your judgment.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Matters involving shared finances, taxes, or inheritances may arise today. Be cautious, as confusion or missing information could mislead you. Double-check details and avoid making decisions until everything is clear.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Cooperation with others is important today, requiring extra effort and understanding. However, communication may feel unclear, especially regarding family or home matters. Stay patient and clarify details before taking action.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may feel drawn to unusual, mystical, or unconventional ideas today. Your awareness of your surroundings is heightened, making you more sensitive to subtle details in your environment and daily experiences.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Creative ideas about money or career may inspire you today, but avoid acting on them immediately. Financial decisions could be unstable, so note your thoughts and revisit them with clarity tomorrow.

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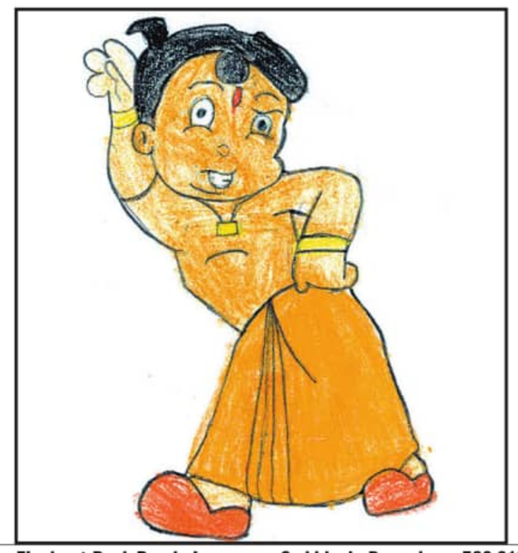

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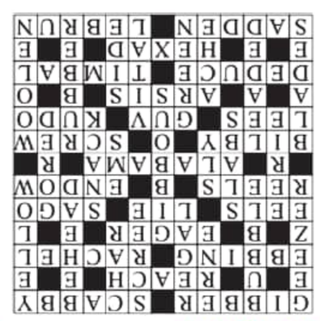
SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
[6^(1/4) * 6^4 * 6^(-1/2)]^4
[6^(1/4 + 4 - 1/2)]^4
[6^(15/4)]^4 = 6^15

RIDDLER
2. Matt, 3. Jim, 4. Chris

STRIKE OUT



FAST FIVE

BULL'S EYE
coup, coupe, croup, crud, crude, cued, curd, cure, cured, dour, dupe, ecru, pour, poured, PRODUCE, proud, prude, puce, pure, recoup, rude

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
51. Working in rows, invert the digits in the left and right hand numbers and add them together to give the central figure.

QUOTE UNCODE
The first step on the way to victory is to recognize the enemy.

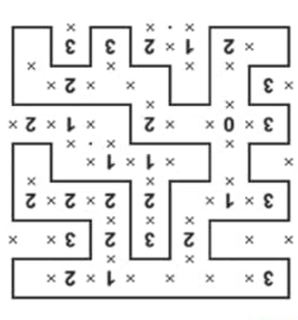
SUDOKU

3	1	4	2	5	6	7	9	8
5	8	7	4	9	1	2	6	3
9	6	2	7	1	8	5	3	4
1	4	9	5	8	7	3	6	2
7	5	8	6	3	2	4	1	9
2	3	6	4	9	1	8	5	7
4	9	1	8	2	3	6	7	5
6	2	5	1	7	4	9	8	3
8	7	3	9	6	5	2	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Am, Man, Mane, Means, Seamen, Demeans.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 2 + 3 − 2 = 9
Medium
4 + 6 + 8 − 4 = 14
Hard
3 x 7 − 1 + 5 = 25

LOOP



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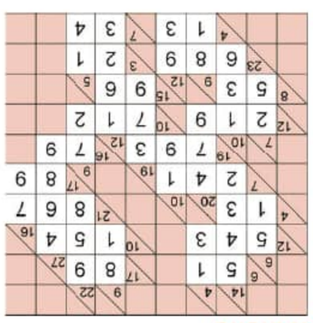

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 # Superhero film buzz builds
Salman Khan to begin shooting Raj and DK's high-concept superhero film from October 2026, with project currently in pre-production stage.

Belly dance comeback

On Marking International Dance Day a day after the occasion, actor-producer Richa Chadha revisits her long-standing passion for belly dancing. She is set to travel to Goa for a five-day intensive course aimed at deepening her understanding of the form. A few years ago, while preparing for a special film number, Richa trained in tribal belly dancing under internationally renowned expert Olga Meos in Kazakhstan. She later refined her technique with Mumbai-based instructor Shaina Lebana and continued consistent practice even during lockdown through online sessions.

Apart from belly dancing, she is trained in Kathak, having learnt it for nearly a decade during childhood under Pandit Abhay Shankar Mishra. After stepping away due to professional commitments, she now returns with a more immersive approach. The Goa course marks a renewed phase driven by personal interest.

Richa says, "I got back to dancing about six to seven months after my delivery and reached out to Dipika Vijay. What began as belly dance therapy during postpartum has grown into a strong interest. This course is purely for myself, to learn, grow, and reconnect with the form." **–ETimes**

From dreadful to diva

Priyanka admits being dreadful dancer before mastering choreography with discipline

Priyanka Chopra may today be known as a versatile performer, but her journey was not always smooth. The actress, who now handles action, dance, and intense roles with ease, recently admitted that dancing was once her weakest area. Reflecting on her early days in films, she said she was "dreadful" at it and even faced a moment where a choreographer lost patience and yelled at her during a shoot.

Speaking to Vogue Arabia, Priyanka opened up about her initial years in Bollywood, recalling the struggles she faced. "I was a dreadful dancer when I first started. It was just too many things for my 19- or 20-year-old brain," she said.

Her difficulties led to a tense moment with senior choreographer Raju Khan while filming in South Africa. "I was filming with Raju Khan in South Africa and missing my marks. He got so upset with me that he threw the mic down, saying, 'You might come from a pageant, but learn how to dance before you become an actress," she added. Despite that experience, Priyanka shared that they later became "great friends."

With consistent effort, Priyanka gradually overcame her struggles and went on to impress audiences with popular songs like 'Desi Girl' and 'Ram Chahe Leela'.

Priyanka was last seen in 'The Bluff', a pirate action film featuring Karl Urban, which became one of the most-watched titles globally after its release. She is now preparing for her return to Indian cinema after eight years with SS Rajamouli's 'Varanasi', scheduled for release in April 2027. **–ETimes**

Cinematic spectacle takes over

KD: THE DEVIL (KANNADA)
3.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Prem
- **ACTORS** Dhruva Sarja, Reeshma Nanaiah, Kiccha Sudeep, Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty, V Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Suchendra Prasad, Ravi Shankar, Muni.
- **Duration** 148 minutes
- **Certification** A

Finally, the much-awaited and hyped pan-Indian movie has arrived in theatres. As claimed by the director and cast during pre-release events, every frame appears carefully crafted, with no compromise on quality. The film features massive sets and a large number of actors and junior artistes, giving it a grand visual scale.

Director Prem, popularly known as Showman Prem, has worked hard to retain his title by including elements catering to all types of audiences. However, he narrates the screenplay with a flashback structure. The film often feels like an extended trailer rather than a complete narrative, and the ending clearly hints at a sequel.

The audience hears the devotional classic Namo Venkateshaa, once popular in touring talkies during that era. Amar warns that Soorappa's family is in danger as Deva, also known as Daak Deva (Sanjay Dutt), enters the city.

Soorappa narrates Deva's past as an anti-social element who ruled the city. The narrative then introduces Kali aka Kali Dasa (Dhruva Sarja), an illiterate kerosene shop worker who falls in love with Lakshmi (Reeshma Nanaiah). Kali later saves Deva from enemies. Deva aims to contest State Assembly elections, but Annayyappa (V Ravichandran), the sitting MLA backed by Kali's elder brother Dharmanna (Ramesh Aravind), opposes him. The film builds tension around Kali's transformation, his loyalty, and the forces that shape his violent path.

Dhruva Sarja performs convincingly as an innocent yet aggressive character, appearing restrained for most of the film and fully unleashed in the climax. His action sequences, dance moments, and romantic scenes stand out for his fans. Reeshma Nanaiah looks effective in her role, while Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty, and Ramesh Aravind provide strong support. Kiccha Sudeep appears briefly in a cameo.

Music director Arjun Janya delivers a solid soundtrack that enhances key moments.

Overall, KD: The Devil feels like a long trailer setting up a larger story. The climax clearly suggests a sequel is on the way. The film suits adult audiences, especially those who enjoy high-voltage action with intense violence. **–Y Maheswara Reddy**

Golf shapes Madhavan

R Madhavan has opened about his deep connection with golf and how the sport shaped his mindset as an actor. The Bollywood star recently shared insights from an earlier interview and a video on social media, explaining how golf helped him stay focused while shooting in public spaces and why it plays a larger role in building discipline and character.

Over time, golf helped him develop a calm approach. "It is about internalising, slowing down, and hitting that one perfect shot," he said.

Madhavan said the sport mirrors acting, requiring focus and the ability to block distractions.

The clip highlights patience, emotional control, and discipline. It notes golf reflects character, revealing reactions under pressure and consistency in behavior.

Madhavan, known for 'Dhurandhar 2,' plays Ajay Sanyal in the Ranveer Singh-led film. **–Etimes**

Minty minimal Kangana's glam

Kangana Ranaut once again proved airport style does not need to be loud to stand out. Spotted during a recent outing, she embraced minimalism while appearing polished and refined. With breathable fabrics, soft tones, and fuss-free styling, her outfit reflected quiet luxury, balancing comfort with elegance for summer travel.

For the appearance, Kangana wore a pastel kurta set in a calming mint-green shade. The outfit featured a straight-cut silhouette with a relaxed fit, making it suitable for long journeys while maintaining structure. Delicate floral motifs across the fabric subtly elevated the look, adding texture without overpowering simplicity. A modest neckline, paired with soft layering underneath, completed the ensemble with understated charm that felt graceful yet practical.

Over the years, she impressed audiences with performances in Woh Lamhe..., Life in a... Metro, and Fashion. Her versatility extended to films like Raaz: The Mystery Continues and Once Upon a Time in Mumbaai, while Tanu Weds Manu highlighted her comic timing.

Kangana has received multiple National Awards, Filmfare honours, and the Padma Shri. She has also entered politics, serving as Member of Parliament from Mandi, reflecting her evolving public role. **–Etimes**

Fashion ick revealed

Hollywood actress Emily Blunt, who is awaiting the release of 'The Devil Wears Prada 2', shared her views on men's fashion during an appearance on 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'. She revealed the one clothing item that gives her "the ick," as reported by 'People' magazine.

John Krasinski, suggested wearing a black turtleneck for the Golden Globes in January. She admitted she had to "compose her face" when he first proposed the look but later found him looking "so cool," comparing him to a "young Michael Caine."

Blunt also joked about other fashion "icks," including shiny, cropped "Dad leather jackets." She added that her daughters Hazel, 12, and Violet, 9, are now "very cool" and uninterested in her fashion advice, despite her involvement in a major fashion film.

The movie is worth watching for adults, especially those who enjoy action scenes with a lot of blood. **–Etimes**